



Labour Bulletin #4

December 14, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Monday, December 17, the Hamilton-Wentworth Elementary Teachers Local (HWETL) representing our elementary teachers will hold a one-day legal strike to protest Bill 115, which was passed by the Ontario government in September. In addition, the Hamilton-Wentworth Occasional Teachers Local (HWOTL) and the Designated Early childhood educators represented by ETFO will also be participating in the strike action.

We are committed to student safety at Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB). Without teachers, occasional teachers, and early childhood educators in our schools, it will not be possible to maintain a safe environment for our students. Therefore, we are cancelling classes and transportation on December 17 at all elementary schools.

We ask that you take the opportunity to make alternate child care arrangements for your children on December 17. Childcare services offered in our schools will continue to operate for those students already registered in the program. If you have any questions, please contact your child's child care provider directly. Parenting and Family Literacy Centres will also remain open for their normally scheduled hours.

This strike action is expected to take place only on Monday, December 17. Classes will resume on Tuesday, December 18. Please visit our website for the latest information on the strike action at www.hwdsb.on.ca.

We recognize that this situation is challenging for everyone and we regret the inconvenience this will cause. At HWDSB, we remain committed to successfully negotiating contracts with our employee groups that benefit our students.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

John Malloy
Director of Education

Tim Simmons
Chair